The front line staff on trains is responsible for providing First Aid medical facilities in trains. There is no policy to provide compensation to the passengers who die in trains for want of medical facilities in trains as Hospital like facilities cannot be provided in running trains.

Deterioration of IInd AC coaches

3000. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that condition of IInd AC sleeper coaches is deteriorating day-by-day;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to replace all the old coaches; and

(c) the details of Government plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise. However, coaches are replaced when they are condemned on age-cum-condition basis. Coaches beyond codal life are not used in commercial passenger service.

Gulbarga Bidar Railway Line

3001. SHRI K.B. SHANAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to link Gulbarga Bidar railway line;

(b) what is the total estimate costs of this project;

(c) how much period will be required for the completion of this project;

(d) how much amount has been provided for the year 2006-07 in the budget; and

(e) how many stations will be coming under this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) Gulbarga-Bidar new line is a sanctioned work which has been taken up.

(b) The total anticipated cost of this work is Rs. 369.70 crore.